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## DELAWARE SOYBEAN BOARD SEEKS RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Delaware Soybean Board, representing all soybean producers in the state, is seeking 2006 research proposals for funding consideration. The Board requests that projects be directed toward the most urgent soybean problem areas. The areas with greatest opportunity include those that protect the viability of the crop, identify improved soybean properties with regard to biodiesel production, and provide new uses and marketing opportunities for soybeans. The Board will also consider research to improve yield agronomics or address nutrient management issues.

According to Jeffrey Allen, President of the Delaware Soybean Board, the Board is seeking research projects that protect the crop's viability, create higher profitability for Delaware growers, and provide more marketing choices for their soybean crop. "In light of the recent identification of soybean rust in the United States, the Board will focus some of our research funds on projects to monitor our fields and protect Delaware's 2006 soybean crop," said Mr. Allen. "We also will allocate funds to educate our growers about the disease and the actions to be taken should soybean rust reach us next year," he said.

The Delaware Soybean Board is a nine-member organization representing soybean producers from all counties in the state. The Board manages the Delaware funds from the federal soybean checkoff program, each year funding research, education, marketing, and promotion projects.

The deadline for submission of proposals to the Board is February 28, 2006.

For more information on the research proposal process, including the program guidelines and format, see the Board's website at www.desoybeans.org

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